## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129 and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 455.15(a)(1), the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

The Division of Medical Services has drafted a form to report and refer suspected Medicaid fraud and abuse to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Attorney General Office. The adoption of the form will effectively enhance the communication and tracking of referred suspected Arkansas Medicaid fraud cases as pursuant to 42 CFR Section 455.15(a)(1). The form is necessary due to the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (<a href="https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us">www.medicaid.state.ar.us</a>), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than March 9, 2004.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 682-6789 and 1-877-708-8191. Both telephone numbers are voice and TDD.

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